## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HAMMONTON: SONS OF ITALY

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, October is Italian Heritage Month, a time where we celebrate the culture and contributions of our beautiful Italian American community. Hammonton, South Jersey is famous not only for their blueberries, but their deep Italian roots and heritage too. Recently had the honor of attending Hammonton's annual Columbus Day event, where the Sons of Italy recognize a local family that has had an impact on the community. The Sons of Italy in Hammonton do their utmost to preserve the Italian culture, heritage, and history that is so special to the community. It was a privilege to present them with a Congressional Proclamation, in recognition of their dedication to the Hammonton Community, and on such a special day for Italian Americans. I thank them for the work their organization does, not just for the Italian community, but for every Hammontonian. God Bless Sons of Italy, and God Bless America.

HONORING MAYOR NICK PROCTOR

### HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of a local leader and dedicated public servant who I am proud to call a friend—the outgoing Mayor of Howell, Nick Proctor.

Mayor Proctor's ties to Howell stretch back to his ancestors when they first set down roots in the mid-19th century. First elected to the city council in 2013, he's served as the city's mayor for the last seven. With an agenda focused on economic vibrancy, he's been a key partner of the Howell Downtown Development Authority and the Howell Area Chamber of Commerce in the effort to revitalize Michigan Avenue. Thanks to his vision of a combination of economic development and historic preservation, Howell was honored in 2018 with the Great American Main Street Award-a national recognition for achievements in transforming the downtown district into a cultural destination.

In this era of great challenges and uncertainty, it's been a comfort to know that Howell has had a calm, level-headed mayor with first-hand experience in crisis management. He's been a champion for every resident of Howell—presiding over a city council that unanimously approved the first anti-discrimination ordinance aimed at protecting LGBT and other individuals in Livingston County.

Last year, when he opted not to seek another term, he reached out via email to all of the candidates—both before and after the pri-

mary—making himself available to discuss issues confronting the city. And while some may see his comity as a bygone relic, Mayor Proctor would tell you that collegiality is integral to who he is. He's a public servant first, committed to the mission at hand.

He learned this as a former official with the Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security. In his role as a security attaché, he traveled the world, including stops in Germany, Sri Lanka, Jordan, and Japan. Later on, he served as Head of Global Security for British American Tobacco, based out of London. Needless to say, Mayor Proctor has seen the world and brought back a unique perspective to the good folks of Howell.

His ability to see things from different points of view is one of his greatest skills, and I appreciate his words as Congress has worked to pass an infrastructure bill. Last month, he was quoted as saying: "Infrastructure has no political affiliation. We need to come together to serve the people."

It's a message that folks in Washington would do well to heed—we were sent here to put our constituents first, just like Mayor Proctor has for the better part of a decade. I'll miss working with him—particularly given our backgrounds in national security—but I know he's earned a relaxing retirement filled with occasional travel, a good book, and watching the latest ice hockey or college football game.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a grateful community, it's my privilege to honor Mayor Nick Proctor so that my colleagues in the People's House may know that Mayor Nick Proctor made a difference.

MAINTAINING U.S. ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS

## HON. DONALD S. BEYER, JR.

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about the importance of economic competitiveness.

This is an economic issue that the President has prioritized in his efforts to build back better, recognizing that promoting competition can lower prices for families, increase wages for workers, and promote innovation and even faster economic growth. On July 9, 2021, President Biden issued an Executive Order on "Promoting Competition in the American Economy," which stressed the importance of a resilient economy that incorporates a fair, open, and competitive marketplace, and warned against excessive market concentration which threatens basic economic liberties, democratic accountability, and the welfare of workers, farmers, small businesses, startups, and consumers.

In the Joint Economic Committee, which I chair, we held a hearing earlier this year on corporate power, specifically on the rise and concentration of corporate market power in the

United States and how it harms consumers, workers, and small businesses. In that hearing, we found that as business concentration has increased in the United States, the rise of concentrated corporate market power in the U.S. is associated with weak investment rates, lower productivity growth, and higher prices. Indeed, firms invest less per dollar of profit today now than they did in the second half of the 20th century, making labor less productive and suppressing wages.

Congress over the years has acted to promote competition, including legislation like the Lanham Act to regulate the registration and use of trademarks and protect from unfair competition. Further, the Lanham Act provides federal judicial protection against infringement for trademarks registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Specifically, the law provides federal causes of action for trademark dilution and several unfair competition claims, such as unregistered trademark infringement, false advertising, false endorsement, and false designation of origin.

I am concerned by cases where domestic, foreign, or multinational corporations are using the Lanham Act to suppress or restrict competition within the United States, particularly with small businesses. It is especially disheartening when those goods or services are dedicated to the health and safety of minority communities, where the impact of these cases will be felt most.

Our economy has traditionally been a powerful engine for innovation that has provided unmatched prosperity to millions. However, unprecedented corporate concentration and anticompetitive practices are preventing us from reaching our economic potential. I urge my colleagues to champion the Biden agenda for economic competitiveness and take steps to tackle pernicious behavior.

IN RECOGNITION OF HASSAN JABER

## HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the numerous outstanding contributions of Hassan Jaber to the communities of Wayne County, Michigan, as he retires after more than 40 years of service from ACCESS.

During his four decades at ACCESS, Hassan Jaber has been instrumental in shepherding its growth and expansion. He has been a leader in expanding ACCESS' programming to include more than one hundred platforms and ten locations to assist residents across Wayne County and southeastern Michigan. Hassan Jaber created partnerships locally and nationally to advocate for policy initiatives to fight bigotry, advance civil rights, and to create a better quality of life for immigrant and other vulnerable populations through

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor. Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor. access to human services. With every obstacle, he never wavered in leading with compassion and keeping the community at the center of the work.

Hassan Jaber's leadership and forward-thinking approach have solidified his legacy as a community leader. In addition to his immense positive impact on the communities of Wayne County, he also served on many national and community boards, including the U.S. Census National Community Advisory Board on Race and Ethnicity and the Michigan Census Complete Count Committee; United Way for Southeastern Michigan; the Detroit Institute of Arts; and the Detroit Zoological Society. I had the honor of working with him for years and his mentorship helped me grow into a passionate advocate for my district.

Please join me in recognizing Hassan Jaber's work on behalf of residents of Michigan's 13th district and southeastern Michigan as we wish him well on the next chapter in his life.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT DALE EDWARDS

## HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday. November 9, 2021

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Lieutenant Dale Edwards, a beloved community leader and police officer in York, South Carolina.

Lt. Edwards has dedicated over two decades of his life to serving our community. As York's community officer, Lt. Edwards is responsible for attending local events, organizing the Thanksgiving and Christmas meal drives and holiday gift drive, and training other officers. He has spent his career forging meaningful relationships with our community. As a testament to his commitment to service, Lt. Edwards has celebrated numerous Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays by handing out \$100 bills and turkeys to needy community members from his patrol car. He also regularly volunteers at Tender Hearts and works with local volunteers to collect donations for gifts, toys, and clothes to distribute.

Lt. Edwards consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty. In September of 2021, Lt. Edwards helped save the life of a fellow community member. During a morning service at Liberty Church, Glenn Raybon collapsed and suffered sudden cardiac arrest. Two registered nurses, Kelly Stewart and Reeanna Hinkle, jumped into action and began administering CPR. Lt. Edwards retrieved the automated external defibrillator and courageously delivered a shock to Mr. Raybon, who was able to begin breathing on his own and regained a palpable pulse. Mr. Raybon made a full recovery and was back in church three weeks later.

More recently, Lt. Edwards and his wife Robin organized a welcome home parade for a young woman named Maggie who left the hospital after a lengthy battle with COVID-19. On short notice, Lt. Edwards assembled a fire truck, three police cars, and more than twenty vehicles of community members to ride by and see Maggie's smiling face. The parade was a deeply moving experience for everyone involved.

These stories are not outliers for a day in the life of Lt. Edwards. His sense of service and selflessness is above reproach, leading him to earn the respect of law enforcement and citizens all over the state. In the words of Mayor Mike Fuesser, Lt. Edwards "is a true asset to the force and community." Others have described Lt. Edwards as a "miracle from the Lord." His career is a testament to all the good our men and women in blue do for our cities. On behalf of the 5th District of South Carolina, I thank Lt. Edwards for his continued sacrifice and service. York is truly blessed to have him as a community guardian.

NEWCOMB SENIOR APARTMENTS

### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, Vineland, New Jersey's Planning Board approved a \$17 million project which will benefit the senior community in Cumberland. Our seniors are the bedrock of our communities, not only in South Jersey, but the entire nation. It is necessary that we care and protect them, just as they did for us. Developer, Hans Lampart, and the Vineland Planning Board are doing just that with their redevelopment project. Their project will give seniors the opportunity to live independently and affordably in high-rise style apartments. On behalf of the senior community, I thank Hans, and wish him good luck as he moves forward with this project. God Bless Newcomb Senior Apartments, and God Bless America.

RECOGNIZING THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL MONUMENT BUILT IN THE CITY OF FULLERTON

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and venerate the more than 54,000 American lives lost during the Korean War. The Korean War began on June 25, 1950, when North Korean soldiers crossed the 38th parallel and invaded South Korea. The violence immediately drew international attention, and on June 27, 1950, President Harry S. Truman ordered United States air, sea, and ground forces to assist the Republic of Korea.

All Americans owe a debt of gratitude to our nation's soldiers, ground troops, sailors, airmen, coast guards, and marines who fought and died defending the world's model of freedom, democracy, and justice.

In that vein, Koreans and Korean Americans have led a major effort to design, construct, and oversee a monument that recognizes the extraordinary bravery of those American service members who lost their lives during the Korean War.

Led by the Orange County Korean War Memorial Committee, of which I am a member, the historic Korean War Memorial Monument will be dedicated November 11, 2021, on America's Veterans Day. Located in the north-

ern part of Hillcrest Park, adjacent to the Duck Pond, the monument will be the first in America to feature the inscribed names of all 36,591 soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving on the Korean Peninsula, 2,612 of whom were Californians.

Through this effort, there will be ongoing dialogue about the Korean War's historical significance, while promoting awareness and reminding the public of the noble sacrifice made by America's fallen veterans.

Please join me in commending the work and dedication of the volunteers and officials from various agencies who helped turn the dream of a Korean War Memorial into reality. By doing so, a permanent monument now stands to honor the 36,591 fallen heroes who so valiantly gave their lives to protect freedom.

## COMMITMENT TO HAMILTON COUNTY VETERANS

### HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 13,301 Veteran residents of Hamilton County, Indiana, in collaboration with state and local officials of the county and submit the following for the record:

Whereas, Hamilton County is proud to be home to 13,301 Veterans; and

Whereas, we continue to build, encourage, and connect resources and systems of care that empower Veterans to live their best lives and realize their full potential within our community; and

Whereas, Hamilton County, in collaboration with our residents and partners, is committed to the health and well-being of the men and women who have served our country; and

Whereas, since 2005 the rate of suicide in Hamilton County among Veterans was 32.0 per 100,000, compared with 17.2 per 100,000 for nonveterans; and

Whereas, we remain concerned about the number of veterans that we have lost to suicide; and

Whereas, we recognize the challenges when transitioning from active-duty status, understand Veteran assistance is a constant community effort, and the need to assist Veterans in navigating those resources that the Hamilton County community provides is continually addressed.

Whereas, we commit to engage in community efforts and collaborate with partners like the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, the Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs, Hamilton County Health Department, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, community mental health centers, and our business and non-profit community members to create effective solutions to reduce Veteran suicide within our community.

Whereas, we are committed to creating a welcoming community where our returning Veterans can live, work, and thrive with ready access to the care they need when they need it.

As Indiana's Fifth Congressional District Representative, I proclaim our community's appreciation of our Veterans, and our pledge to help save veteran lives.

JEFFERSON REYNOLDS D. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, RE-TIRED

## HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRCINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and recognize Lt. Col., Ret. Jefferson D. Reynolds as the 2021 recipient of the inaugural Veteran of the Year Award for the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia.

Lt. Col., Ret. Revnolds has dedicated his life to serving our country, both as an enlisted soldier in the United States Army and as a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force in the Judge Advocate General Corps. Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds currently works as an attorney for the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality providing program oversight and enforcement for over 50 agency program areas including air, water, waste, remediation. wetlands, petroleum, and natural resource damage.

For his service, Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds has earned numerous awards, including the defense meritorious service medal, two meritorious service medals, and numerous commendation medals. He is a veteran of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iragi Freedom, as well as Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia.

In addition to our appreciation for his service, we owe Lt. Col., Ret. Revnolds a debt of gratitude for the work he does for communities in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds serves as an Emergency Medical Technician squad leader for the Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad and as a member of the Virginia Medical Reserve Corps. He continues to volunteer his time in the Richmond area focusing on medical education for at-risk

Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds personal connection to rock climbing at the age of 14 has inspired him to create a mountaineering company that has organized and led expeditions to every continent in the world. He has climbed the highest peaks of the seven continents and with every climb undertaken it strengthens his resolve to advocate for the preservation and protection of our mountain landscapes. Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds is also the proud father of two children, who, according to him: "are, undoubtedly, my biggest adventure."

It is for these reasons and so many more that I am proud to recognize Lt. Col., Rel. Jefferson D. Reynolds as the 2021 recipient of the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia's inaugural Veteran of the Year Award for his continued service to our Commonwealth and our country.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Lt. Col., Ret. Reynolds for his devotion to the United States of America and his selfless efforts to help all those around him improve the environment.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL INTRODUCTION OF THE PAUL LAU-RENCE DUNBAR COMMEMORA-TIVE COIN ACT

## HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Paul Laurence Dunbar Commemorative Coin Act. This bill recognizes one of the first influential African-American poets in American literature and benefits the Dunbar Alumni Federation, the alumni association for the Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School in the District of Columbia, which is historic for being the first public high school for African Americans in the United States. I myself am a proud graduate of Dunbar, a storied African-American high school in our country.

Paul Laurence Dunbar was born on June 27, 1872, to freed slaves, and went on to pen such classics as Majors and Minors and Lyrics of Lowly Life. He also composed the lyrics to In Dahomey, the first all-African-American musical produced on Broadway. By the late 1890s, Dunbar had become a prominent author, having had his poems published in major national newspapers, including The New York Times. Dunbar died on February 9, 1906, at age 33.

Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School was established in 1870 as the Preparatory High School for Colored Youth. It was the first college preparatory high school for African-American children in the United States. The school was renamed for Dunbar in 1916.

The Dunbar Alumni Federation was organized in 2002 to provide scholarships and other financial support to students and graduates of Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School. The Federation has alumni from more than 35 graduating classes, and supports the school through its scholarship efforts, community activities and other endeavors.

This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to mint 50,000 five-dollar coins, 400,000 one-dollar coins and 750,000 half-dollar coins, with a surcharge on each coin. The surcharges will benefit the scholarships and similar activities of the Dunbar Alumni Federa-

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

#### RECOGNIZING JUANITA BATTLE

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, please recognize a dedicated and strong advocate for those who have been affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse. Juanita Battle of West Cape May passed away on October 7, 2021. She was a hero to many, and her legacy will live on with all of those who had the pleasure of knowing her. Juanita was the proud founder of Cape May County's Coalition Against Rape and Abuse. Her Coalition provides counsel, support, and advocates for victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. She touched the hearts of many thousands of people during her fortyseven years of service, and she will live on in their hearts forever. Juanita truly was a pillar of strength in the Cape May Community and may she rest in peace. God Bless Juanita. and God Bless America.

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

#### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and risked their lives to defend our freedoms and way of life and took and lived the oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and bore true faith and allegiance to the same, an obligation they took freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion."

Veterans are truly heroes walking among

I want to thank all of our armed serviceman and women for their selfless dedication to our protection every day.

Veterans Day is a reminder to all of us who live in freedom that as President Kennedy said, "The price of freedom is high, but Americans have always paid it."

This Veterans Day is a welcome opportunity to remember that the fallen who gave the last full measure of devotion to their country on battlefields around the world—in places whose names may be unforgettable—or locations that have slipped into the pages of history.

We will never forget: Revolutionary War:

Valley Forge

York Town

Civil War:

The Battle of Antietam

The Battle of Gettysburg

World War I:

The Battle of Argonne

Flanders Field

Verdun

World War II:

Pearl Harbor

Battle of Bataan

The Battle of Midway D-Day

Battle of the Bulge

Battle of Anzio

Battle of Corregidor

Korean War:

Inchon

Heart Break Ridge

Pork Chop Hill

Vietnam:

Tet Offensive

Battle of Hue

Desert Storm:

September 11, 2001 Pentagon Attack (125 killed)

Operation Enduring Freedom:

Battle of Kandahar

Operation Iraqi Freedom:

Second Battle of Falluiah The memory of the fallen are never forgot-

Madam Speaker, each Veterans Day, Americans come together to remember those who have served our country around the world in the name of freedom and democracy.

The debt that we owe to them is immeasurable.

Their sacrifices, and those of their families, are freedom's foundation.

Without the brave efforts of all the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and Coast Guardsmen and women and their families, our country would not live so freely.

I offer my deepest gratitude to our nation's troops and reservists, their families, and the 21.6 million veterans, including 29,126 here in the 18th Congressional District.

21.6 million brave men and women are veterans of our nation's military service.

This includes more than 2 million women, 2.7 million African American men and women, 1.5 million Hispanic men and women, 342,000 Asian American Pacific Islanders, and 178,000 American Indians.

Nine in ten military families believe the public does not understand or appreciate their sacrifices.

We use Veterans Day to show our veterans and military families how important they are to us and how grateful we are for them each and every day.

November is National Caregivers Month to show our caregivers how grateful we are for them.

It is only fitting that we thank those caregivers who serve our military today.

5.5 million spouses, parents, children, and other loved ones care for our wounded warriors and 15 percent of caregivers spend 40-plus hours a week providing care for our military families.

As a senior member of the House Committees on Judiciary and Homeland Security, I care deeply about our veterans.

In Congress, I have sponsored many legislative proposals and co-sponsored more than 50 pieces of legislation that will positively benefit our veterans and their families.

On the battlefield, the military pledges to leave no soldier behind.

As a nation, let it be our pledge that when they return home, we leave no veteran behind.

This day and every day let us honor their service with actions that fulfill our commitment to our troops, their families, and our veterans—and that are worthy of our grateful nation

HONORING MICHIGAN STATE UNI-VERSITY'S VICTORY OVER THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

#### HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a team that has electrified the East Lansing community with its accomplishments both on and off the field—the 2021 Michigan State University football team.

Under the leadership of Coach Mel Tucker, the Spartans' motto is "relentless." The word is stamped on the back of the players' helmets and it's present in everything the players do. Since the first offseason conditioning practice, the players have had an energy drilled into them that has translated to an undefeated season with four games left to play. Today,

MSU is the fifth-ranked team in the nation because of what Coach Tucker calls the "deep water."

Madam Speaker, the deep water is a place that you don't want to be in. The deep water is cold, dark, and disorienting. For the MSU football team, their success lies in their ability to take their opponents to the deep water—to outlast them both physically and mentally.

As a result, this Spartan team has been defying the odds and the naysayers. And after last Saturday's comeback victory against the University of Michigan, it's clear that this team has what it takes to go all the way.

Heisman-favorite Kenneth Walker III put on a clinic, scoring all five touchdowns and notching 191 rushing yards—101 of them in the fourth quarter alone. Quarterback Payton Thorne and wide receiver Jayden Reed, teammates who have been playing together since middle school, connected on a two-point conversion late in the game to complete a 16-point comeback. And on defense, everyone from linebacker Simeon Barrow to freshman cornerback Chuck Brantley personified the idea of "bend, don't break" as they came up with clutch plays time and time again. It's because of their relentless efforts, and the efforts of every member of the roster, that the Paul Bunyan trophy is staying home with the Sparty faithful

From campus to Congress, the MSU-UM rivalry is an example of how good old fashioned competition can bring out the best in us. To that end, I want to thank my dear friend Representative DINGELL for being a good sport and rallying the alumni as part of our prank war last week.

In closing, Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the Michigan State fight song, "Victory for MSU". And today, tomorrow, and forever: Go Green.

On the banks of the Red Cedar, There's a school that's known to all: Its specialty is winning. And those Spartans play good ball; Spartan teams are never beaten, All through the game they fight: Fight for the only colors: Green and White. Smash right through that line of blue. Watch the points keep growing, Spartan teams are bound to win. They're fighting with a vim! Rah! Rah! Rah! Michigan is weakening, We're going to win this game, Fight! Fight! Rah! Team, Fight! Victory for MSU

#### HONORING VETERAN CHUCK HABERMAN

#### HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight a veteran constituent of mine, Chuck Haberman, of Noblesville, Indiana. Chuck served in the United States Marine Corps from 2007 until 2014.

Upon his return to Indiana, Chuck immediately redeployed his leadership skills to strengthen his community in Hamilton County.

Following several years in the private sector, last year Chuck moved into the role of Workforce Development Manager for the City

of Noblesville, working with educators, trainers, and business leaders. He is also a Trustee of Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County and Member of the Board of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce.

Chuck has also convened the Hamilton County 21st Century Veterans Committee which highlights resources and support options for veterans and their families in Central Indiana, a critical need at this time in our nation's history.

I thank Chuck for his continued service to our nation's veterans and the Fifth Congressional District.

## CONGRATULATING SUNSHINE DENTISTRY

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Tuesday,\,November\,\,9,\,2021$ 

Mr. VAN DREW, Madam Speaker, Doctor Eric Thomas and his team at Sunshine Dentistry have been serving the residents of Cape May County with cutting edge dentistry for a long time. They consistently provide quality and expert care for the residents of Cape May County. As a dentist, a visit to the dentist is not necessarily fun. However, Doctor Thomas and his team have mastered the formula for providing a pleasant and comfortable experience for their patients. Their passion for their profession and dedication to their patients have not gone unnoticed. Congratulations to Eric on the new location, and best of luck always. God bless Sunshine Dentistry, and God bless America.

#### HONORING FITZGERALD BARRINGTON DAVIS

#### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  $Tuesday,\ November\ 9,\ 2021$ 

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Fitzgerald Barrington Davis, who passed away peacefully on November 1, 2021, at the age of 77 after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease dementia. He was surrounded by his loved ones at the time of his passing and they will continue to honor his legacy of faith, unconditional love, and kindness. His son Dave Davis was a valued member of my district office team for many years.

Fitzgerald was born in Jamaica on May 15, 1944, to Barrington and Gwendolyn Davis. He attended Saint Ann Technical Trade School to pursue his interest in building, design, and construction. As a contractor for the Roads and Works Department in Kingston, Jamaica he oversaw the development of critical infrastructure projects in and around the Kingston area.

Fitzgerald understood that his job was more than just repairing roads and buildings and that these investments in infrastructure could benefit underserved families through community development and jobs. He created programs to help young people learn trades and develop their skills and subsequently employed many of these young people and provided them with opportunities for growth,

which improved the quality of life 'for residents and strengthened his community.

His advocacy for underserved populations led him to a career in politics, and he was nominated chairman for the People's National Party in Jamaica. During his time as chairman, he worked with government leaders to improve conditions for children and families in Kingston. He was also enlisted as the youth leader for the Rennock Lodge Youth Organization.

He emigrated to the United States in January of 1981 and settled in the diverse Rogers Park neighborhood in Chicago, Illinois with his wife and five children. His first job was with St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, followed by a position with a tuckpointing company, and finally, he worked for the Village of Glencoe for 16 years where he retired in 2006.

After retirement, he continued to serve his community as a volunteer for numerous non-profit organizations. He was actively involved with the Democratic Party of Evanston and worked as a crossing guard for the City of Evanston. Each morning, he woke up looking forward to seeing the children and brightening up their days with words of encouragement or a witty guip that made them smile.

His faith was the driving force in his life, and he was an elder at First Church of God Christian Life Center in Evanston, and then became an Elder at Deliverance Temple Church in Skokie.

Fitzgerald is survived by his devoted wife of 49 years, Sonia Davis; daughters, Rose Scott and Karen Davis; sons, Byron Davis (Marie), Lloyd Davis (Loraine), Dave Davis (Tara); grandchildren, Klarissa Davis, Lloyd Davis Jr., Kayla Davis, Leah Davis, Theo Davis, and Steven Davis; and great-grandchildren, Ivy and Oakley. Fitzgerald also leaves behind brothers Philip Davis and Chris Davis; sisters Deloris Scott, Beverly Burnett, Angela Davis, and a host of other loving relatives and friends who will rejoice in his memory.

REMEMBERING GENERAL RAY-MOND T. ODIERNO, NJ-11 NATIVE AND BRAVE MILITARY LEADER FOR OVER FOUR DECADES

#### HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 $Tuesday,\,November\,9,\,2021$ 

Ms. SHERRILL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize General Raymond Thomas Odierno, former Chief of Staff for the Army and a native of Rockaway in New Jersey's 11th Congressional District, General Odierno began his service to our country as a young man attending the United States Military Academy at West Point and went on to serve our nation for the majority of his life.

He was commissioned as an officer in the Army in 1976, serving around the world to protect and defend our nation's Constitution and values. Most notably, General Odierno served three tours in Iraq, including commanding the 4th Infantry Division on his first tour in 2003, which played a major role in the capture of Saddam Hussein.

In 2011, General Odierno was selected to be the Army's Chief of Staff, the highest ranking general in the Army. In this role, he guided the Army through the final withdrawal of troops from Iraq, addressed issues facing our troops including rising rates of suicide, and handled crises such as the Ebola outbreak in 2014.

General Odierno's strength, strategic thinking, and commitment to service were unmatched and our country is safer because of him. He was a beloved community member of NJ-11. Whenever he returned to his hometown in Morris County, he gave back to the local community, including by meeting with the next generation of leaders at the local schools.

General Odierno passed away on October 8th after a valiant battle with cancer. He will be missed by his family, friends, the NJ-11 community, and fellow servicemembers and veterans.

IN HONOR OF WALTER COX

## HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, Walter Clay Cox, Jr. Mr. Cox was born on November 9, 1922 and lives in Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Cox celebrates his 99th birthday this year.

Mr. Cox grew up in Lancaster, Kentucky. After graduating from high school in 1940, he attended the University of Kentucky. He was headed to law school when his ROTC unit was called up for basic training in 1943. He was later assigned to the U.S. Army's 3rd platoon, 70th Infantry Division. The troops were shipped out of Boston to Marseille, France. The platoon of 40 men left for the front lines on December 10, 1944, traveling in a boxcar. They arrived at the front in time for a "real" Christmas. Conditions were brutal in the freezing winter as the unit fought the German army in the Battle of the Bulge. Mr. Cox attained the rank of Captain. He remembers well the celebration when the Germans surrendered in 1945. Mr. Cox's service continued during the occupation of Germany until May of 1946. He was recalled to active duty and served in the Judge Advocate General Corps in Korea from January 1951 to September 1952.

In 1946, Mr. Cox returned to the University of Kentucky and completed his Juris Doctorate. He served as the Police Judge in Lancaster. He was the originating and managing partner of a law practice in Lexington. For more than 50 years, he has been a member of the Commercial Law League of America, the Kentucky Bar Association Senior Counselor, Federal Bar authorized to practice before the Supreme Court and authorized to practice before the US Department of Veterans Affairs. He opened his own law practice in 2004 and continues to actively practice law. Mr. Cox authored a book, "I Love My Angel", about his service in the military.

Walter Cox is a true patriot, a great American, and an inspiration to us all. I am forever grateful to him and other members of the Greatest Generation or sacrificing and fighting to preserve the freedoms that we hold dear. It is my honor to recognize him on his 99th birthday before the United States Congress.

SONS OF ITALY: ITALIAN FESTIVAL WILDWOOD

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, October is Italian Heritage month, a time to celebrate the wonderful culture and contributions of the Italian community. I had the honor and pleasure of attending the long-standing Italian Festival tradition in Wildwood, New Jersey. Wildwood's Italian Festival is a time-honored tradition where music, food, fun and culture of the Italian heritage collide for an experience unlike any other. I thank them again for inviting me to the festival, and I look forward to being there next year. God bless Sons of Italy, and God bless America.

## ARIZONA MARINE PREVENTS ROBBERY

#### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Marine veteran James Kilcer, whose exceptional heroism and extraordinary courage prevented an armed robbery at a Yuma, Arizona convenience store.

On October 20, three men, one of whom was armed, entered the convenience store where Mr. Kilcer was shopping. Acting without hesitation, Mr. Kilcer disarmed the gunman and detained him until police arrived.

Because of his heroism and swift action, no one was hurt and the robbers were all arrested. James Kilcer is well-deserving of the Citizen's Valor Award recently presented to him by the Yuma Sheriff Department. Madam Speaker, I commend Mr. James Kilcer for putting his own life on the line while aiding his fellow citizens.

#### HONORING MANUELA RENDON

### HON. FILEMON VELA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VELA. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Manuela Rendon, a dedicated leader in South Texas who has given 50 years of service to Head Start programs and has made a lasting impact on thousands of children and families in our community.

Ms. Rendon's advocacy journey began in 1971 during her time as a teacher at Bonita Park Head Start program in Harlingen, Texas. During her first year as an educator, she developed a passion for Head Start and committed herself to helping underserved families. Ms. Rendon was quickly promoted to center manager, where her vision was to enhance early childhood development, empower parents and families, and advocate for the less fortunate.

After six years at Bonita Park Head Start, Ms. Rendon was invited to lead the Head

Start initiative for Cameron and Willacy Counties Community Projects (CWCCP). There, she continued her work on behalf of South Texas youth and families, and collaborated with the Policy Council, Board of Directors, and other staff members to carry out the Head Start mission. With the belief that there is strength in numbers, Ms. Rendon made the pivotal decision to work with community leaders to create a network of support for children and families.

As CWCCP's Head Start Director, Ms. Rendon became dissatisfied by the lack of resources available to Head Start parents. Ms. Rendon faced this challenge with purpose and determination; and worked to reform the program and champion a new initiative. In 1989, with the support of Head Start parents and other community leaders, Ms. Rendon established the non-profit organization Neighbors In Need of Services, Inc. (NINOS). The purpose of NINOS was to advocate for the Head Start program in Cameron and Willacy counties, and it quickly succeeded.

NINOS was awarded a Head Start grant in 1990 and has continued to successfully secure funding for programming to support local families. The program, which initially served a few hundred children, now serves over 2,400 Head Start and Early Head Start families; and provides a wide range of services including health and nutritional assessments, medical and dental follow-ups, individualized "school readiness," nutritional meals and snacks, and pre- and post-natal education for pregnant women.

Ms. Rendon is the driving force behind the success of NINOS—she has created a quality program that is nationally recognized by the Head Start community by focusing not only on early childhood education, but also on parent involvement. She has even provided parents with opportunities to travel and advocate for Head Start in Texas and across the country.

Ms. Rendon's commitment to Texas families began with Head Start in Harlingen, but her influence goes far beyond that. She has served on and chaired many boards and committees including the Region VI Head Start Association, Texas Head Start Association Board of Directors, Texas Department of Human Services Licensing Advisory Council, State Colonias Advisory Committee, and Texas Southmost College Early Childhood Advisory Council.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Manuela Rendon, who after 50 years of service continues to be a voice for those in need, and whose dedication to bettering the lives of children strengthens the health and prosperity of South Texas families.

# CONGRATULATING SOUTH MILLVILLE GUN CLUB

## HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, in 1946, the South Millville Gun Club was founded in South Jersey. For the past 75 years, the club has served as a place for its members and their families to gather, hunt, celebrate, and enjoy the outdoors. The South Millville Gun Club has been a member of the New Jersey

Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs since 1959 and an esteemed NRA member since 1969. This club has been a significant part of the South Jersey community for almost four decades. The club hosts various events like their Super Bowl Wing and Rib Sale and their famous Ham and Oyster Dinner. Congratulations to the South Millville Gun Club on their recent proclamation, which recognizes the past 75 years, and the next 75 years to come. God Bless the South Millville Gun Club, and God Bless America.

## HONORING VICTORIA BARRIOS

#### HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Victoria Barrios. While her life was cut short by a senseless drive-by shooting, Victoria Barrios lived her 18 years as a loving daughter, sister, and faithful friend.

Born November 4, 2000, Victoria was a bright, kind-hearted, well-spoken young lady with an infectious laugh and a soft heart for elderly people. At only 5 feet tall and 90 pounds, she was courageous and stood up for anyone who she felt was being disrespected, shamed or bullied.

Now gone for two years, her family continues to search for those responsible for ending Victoria's life.

I pray there is justice for Victoria and her family.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ROCK OF AGES MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

## HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church, a house of worship in Detroit, Michigan, as its members celebrate the church's fiftieth anniversary, as well as fifty years under the leadership of Pastor Jerome R. McAfee.

The church began in the humble home of Pastor and Sister Jerome McAfee. Starting with a small congregation of fourteen worshippers, the church has moved several times throughout the city of Detroit. Worshippers have found solace from Gratiot Street to Van Dyke, eventually growing large enough and moving to their current place of worship on Evergreen street. The church has continued to be inspired by the singular goal of spreading the gospel, and they have structured several ministries allowing their members to serve and carry out the mission of the church.

Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church has enriched the lives of so many—whether that be the members of the congregation or the recipients of their volunteer work, the church has been an important part of the community. As the church continues to grow into the future, it will remain a welcoming environment full of prayer, praise, fellowship, and mutual aid, where every person is a valued member of a beautiful community. This legacy lives

on in the inspiring longevity of Pastor McAfees service.

Please join me in tribute to Pastor Jerome R. McAfee and the members of Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church as we recognize its fiftieth anniversary.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS CRIPPS— EAGLE SCOUT

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of presenting Nick Cripps with his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Nick was born and raised in Wildwood. South Jersey with his parents and two siblings. While playing youth sports, he became a Webelos at Glenwood Avenue Elementary School. Once Nick became of eligible age, he joined Boy Scout Troop 75 and eventually obtained his Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, he sand blasted and power washed the 4,200 square foot ceiling of the fire house engine room of the Wildwood Fire Department Headquarters. For this project. Nick demonstrated leadership by serving as the project manager. His project made the fire engine room safer for everyone who walks through the fire house. This young man should be proud of his accomplishments and it was my honor to have had the opportunity to recognize him for his service to the South Jersey community. God Bless Nick, and God Bless America.

## HONORING VETERAN EMILY QUILLEN

## HON. VICTORIA SPARTZ

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mrs. SPARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight a veteran constituent of mine, Emily Quillen of Anderson, Indiana. Emily is a Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) peer mentor at Aspire Indiana.

As a veteran of the United States Army, Emily understands the difficulty of finding the necessary resources when returning home after service in the Armed Forces. In her current role, she connects veterans with available housing and assists them with needs like transportation, child care support, and the search for full-time employment.

I thank Emily for her continued service to our nation's veterans and Indiana's Fifth Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING ALYSSA SULLIVAN:
MISS NEW JERSEY

## HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, the Miss America Pageant began in Atlantic City and was held there until 2018. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the pageant, and once again South Jersey will be represented. Alyssa Sullivan, the current Miss New Jersey, will be competing in the Miss America 2021 competition. Alyssa is a lifelong resident of Cape May County Court House and graduated from Rowan University in 2021. Alyssa currently works in the news industry at PHL17. Her social impact initiative, Peer Challenge Commit 2 Character, educates teenagers on the dangers of risk-taking behaviors and their ability to derail their futures. She speaks to young people about how to lead a healthy lifestyle surrounded by positivity and people who raise them higher. Alyssa should be incredibly proud of her hard work and accomplishments. I wish her the best of luck in December. God Bless Alyssa, and God Bless America.

JUDGE JAMES PEREZ POST OFFICE

## HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and memory of the Honorable Judge James Ortega Perez who was from Santa Ana, California in my district. He was the first Latino judge appointed in Orange County.

As a child, in July of 1932, his family moved to Santa Ana, California where his father pursued new employment opportunities after working as a blacksmith in the copper mines.

Judge Perez attended Santa Ana High School and was working in the tomato fields in Southern California when he was drafted. He proudly served in the U.S. Army Air Corp from 1944 to 1946 as a Technical Sergeant.

Upon returning home from WWII, he enrolled at the University of Southern California, where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in 1951. In 1955, he earned a J.D. at University of Southern California's Gould School of Law. Judge James Perez achieved many firsts for the Latino community and his honorary work in the legal field paved the way for Latino representation in Orange County. After passing the bar exam, he was the first Latino attorney in Orange County.

In December 1966, Governor Pat Brown appointed him to be a judge of the Orange County Municipal Court. Nine years later, in December of 1975, Governor Jerry Brown elevated him to the Orange County Superior Court. He held his title as Superior Court judge for 11 years and retired in 1987. In 1994, he was asked to come back to fill in on a part-time basis.

Afterwards, he went on to become the first Latino judge to serve on the Orange County Municipal Court and the first Latino judge to serve on the Orange County Superior Court. Two of his sons, Honorable Judge Michael Perez and Honorable Judge Joe T. Perez, are current Orange County Superior Court judges.

Therefore, to honor his service to our nation, I am introducing legislation to name the facility of the United States Postal Service located on 615 North Bush Street in Santa Ana,

California as the Judge James Perez Post Office

I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring the memory of Judge James Perez by supporting my legislation to name a Post Office facility in Santa Ana, California so that his devotion to his country and the legal community may be remembered.

LOST AT SEA MEMORIAL

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, in August, I had the pleasure of attending the Fisherman Memorial ceremony in Gardner's Basin in Atlantic City. The Fisherman Memorial memorializes local South Jersey individuals who have been lost at sea, including veterans and Coastguardsman. This ceremony started the year after three men, Ed "Hacksaw" Peterson, Steve Hayes and Jeff Giannini, were lost at sea while traveling on a boat in August of 1999. Now, the ceremony is held every August on or near the anniversary of when the Hacksaw Crew went missing. May all the individuals that have been honored at the ceremony rest in peace. God Bless those lost at sea, and God Bless America.